

except by Court order, pursuant to a statute, or in accordance with a previously entered Rule 26(e) protective order.

(c) ***Motion to Seal or Otherwise Restrict Public Access.*** A party's request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation "Motion to Seal." The motion must set forth:

- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

LCvR 6.1.


By the instant motion, Defendant seeks to file his forthcoming request for downward variance under seal. (Document No. 28). Defendant contends that this filing includes "sensitive and personal data" that should be sealed. Id.

Having considered LCvR 6.1(c) and LCrR 49.1.1, and the record of this case, the Court will allow Defendant's motion. Noting that the time for public response has not run to this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order from non-parties as an objection to the motion, requiring no additional burden for any non-party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See LCvR 6.1(e).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Defendant's "Motion To Seal" (Document No. 38 is **GRANTED**. Defendant's forthcoming request for downward variance shall be **SEALED** and remain under **SEAL** until otherwise ordered by this Court.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: July 10, 2023



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